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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**  
**AT SPOKANE**

9 AMANDA BANTA, et al.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 ROBERT W. FERGUSON, Attorney  
General of the State of Washington,  
13 et al.,

14 Defendants.  
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NO. 2:23-cv-00112-MKD

STIPULATION AND  
[PROPOSED] ORDER  
EXTENDING DEADLINE TO  
ANSWER

Without Oral Argument  
06/12/2023

16 **I. STIPULATION**

17 The Parties, by and through their respective attorneys of record, hereby  
18 stipulate to the following:

- 19 1. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a) Defendants' current  
20 date for filing and serving a response to Plaintiffs' complaint is May 18, 2023.  
21 2. Plaintiffs have filed a motion for a preliminary injunction  
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(ECF No. 16), and the parties have conferred regarding that Motion and agreed to a briefing schedule and an extension of page limits, which the court has granted (*see* ECF No. 15).

3. It would not prejudice Plaintiffs to extend Defendants' deadline to answer until after the Motion for Preliminary Injunction is heard by this Court. Accordingly, the Parties stipulate that Defendants may answer, or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' complaint, no later than 21 calendar days after the date on which Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction is ruled on by this Court.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of May, 2023.

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**II. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The stipulation of the parties is APPROVED AND ADOPTED. Defendants' deadline for responding to Plaintiffs' Complaint (ECF No. 1) under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12 is extended to 21 calendar days after a ruling of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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The Honorable Mary K. Dimke  
United States District Judge

**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby declare that on this day I caused the foregoing document to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the Court's CM/ECF System which will serve a copy of this document upon all counsel of record.

DATED this 11th day of May, 2023, at Seattle, Washington.

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